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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft resolution for adoption by the Economic and Social Council

The Statistical Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2005/13 of 22 July 2005, in which it requested the Secretary-General to implement the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme and urged Member States to carry out population and housing censuses at least once during the period from 2005 to 2015, as well as its earlier resolutions endorsing previous decennial programmes,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by Member States to carry out population and housing censuses as part of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme and the activities of the United Nations and other agencies in support of national efforts in that regard,

Noting efforts made by countries in the 2010 census round to reduce costs, improve the quality and timeliness of census operations and the wide dissemination of their census results through the use of new methodologies and contemporary technologies in the different phases of the census operation,

Recognizing the increasing importance of integrating the population and housing censuses with other types of censuses, civil registration and vital statistics and other statistical activities, such as the census of agriculture, census of establishments and administrative data sets,

Recognizing also the increasing importance of the 2020 round of population and housing censuses for meeting the data needs of the follow-up activities to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012,[1] the Millennium Summit, held in New York from 6 to 8 September 2000,[2] the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 3 to 14 June 1996,[3] the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995,[4] the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995,[5]

[1] A/CONF.216/16 and Corr.1.
[2] General Assembly resolution 55/2.
[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6).
[4] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13).
[5] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8).

and the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994,[6] and to other regional and national meetings,

Stressing that population and housing censuses for a country as a whole and for each administrative area therein are one of the primary sources of data needed for formulating, implementing and monitoring the effectiveness of policies and programmes aimed at inclusive socioeconomic development and environmental sustainability,

Stressing also that population and housing censuses are designed to generate valuable statistics and indicators for assessing the situation of various special population groups, such as women, children, youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities, migrants, refugees and stateless persons, and changes therein,

1. *Endorses* the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme, which comprises a number of activities aimed at ensuring that Member States conduct a population and housing census during the period from 2015 to 2024;

2. *Urges* Member States to conduct at least one population and housing census under the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme, taking into account international and regional recommendations relating to population and housing censuses and giving particular attention to advance planning, cost efficiency, coverage and the timely dissemination of, and easy access to, census results for national stakeholders, the United Nations and other appropriate intergovernmental organizations in order to inform decisions and facilitate the effective implementation of development plans and programmes;

3. *Underscores* the need for countries to set quality standards for the conduct and evaluation of population and housing censuses in order to uphold the integrity, reliability, accuracy and value of the population and housing census results, taking into full account the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme for sustainable development planning, especially in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, and calls for full-fledged support for the Programme;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare international statistical standards, methods and guidelines to facilitate activities for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme; to ensure coordination of activities among stakeholders in assisting Member States in the implementation of the Programme; and to monitor and regularly report to the Statistical Commission on the implementation of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme.

[6] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18).

B. Draft decision for adoption by the Council

1. The Statistical Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session;

(b) Decides that the forty-seventh session of the Commission shall be held in New York from 8 to 11 March 2016;

(c) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission as set out below:

Draft provisional agenda and documentation for the forty seventh session of the Commission

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

   Documentation

   Provisional agenda and annotations

   Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of the work and timetable
3. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General
   (b) Disability statistics;

   Documentation

   Report of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics
   (c) Poverty statistics;

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General
   (d) International migration statistics;

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General
   (e) Education statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(f) Refugee statistics;

Documentation

Report of Statistics Norway and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(g) Household surveys.

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys

4. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts

(b) Industrial statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Energy statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(d) Distributive trade statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(e) Statistics of international trade in services;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

(f) Information and communications technologies statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communications Technology for Development

(g) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

(h) Price statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices

(i) Informal sector statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics

(j) Transformative agenda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

5. Natural resources and environment statistics:

(a) Environmental-economic accounting;

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting

(b) Climate change statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Statistics for economies based on natural resources.

Documentation

Report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources

6. Activities not classified by field:

(a) Coordination of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

(b) Statistical capacity-building;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Report of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21)

(c) Development indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(d) Follow-up to policy decisions of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(e) National quality assurance frameworks;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(f) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;

Documentation

Report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

(g) Broader measures of progress;

Documentation

Report of the Friends of the Chair

(h) Big data;

Documentation

Report of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics

(i) World Statistics Day;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(j) Regional statistical development in Western Asia;

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

(k) Governance, peace and security statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Praia Group on governance statistics

7. Programme questions (Statistics Division).

8. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission

9. Report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session.

C. Decisions brought to the attention of the Council

2. The following decisions adopted by the Commission are brought to the attention of the Council.

46/101
Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda

I. Broader measures of progress

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Expressed its appreciation to the Friends of the Chair group on broader measures of progress for its comprehensive report[7] and productive work done in a very short time, and commended the proactive support that the Friends of the Chair group has been providing to the intergovernmental process on the post-2015 development agenda;

(b) Welcomed the two background documents on the results of the survey on broader measures of progress and data availability, which provide important insights into national practices of measuring progress and the availability of data to measure the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda;

(c) Endorsed the proposed road map for the development and implementation of an indicator framework, and in particular its suggested timetable aiming at an endorsement of the indicator framework at the forty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2016. The Commission stressed that the development of a robust and high-quality indicator framework is a technical process which requires time and needs to be conducted in stages, including the possibility of future refinements as knowledge evolves;

(d) Emphasized that, given the possibility of measurement and capacity constraints of Member States, the global indicator framework should contain only a limited number of indicators; strike a balance between reducing the number of indicators and policy relevance; build on the experiences of the Millennium Development Goals; and take into account conceptual indicator frameworks that have already been developed;

(e) Expressed its concern regarding the presentation of the preliminary results of an initial assessment of a possible list of indicators for the upcoming meeting of the intergovernmental negotiation in March 2015, and stressed that this is to be considered only a preliminary proposal and that such list should not preclude in any way the addition, deletion or changes to the listed indicators based on subsequent detailed technical discussions;

(f) Requested the Bureau of the Commission, with the support of the Friends of the Chair group, to finalize in a transparent process the technical materials to be submitted to the upcoming intergovernmental negotiations in March 2015 based on the preliminary results of the assessment survey and all preparatory technical work of the Friends of the Chair group;

[7] E/CN.3/2015/2.

(g) Endorsed the formation of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and:

(i) Decided to oversee a review of its proposed terms of reference based on the discussion at the session;

(ii) Emphasized that national statistical offices are to play the leading role in the development of the indicator framework to ensure national ownership, and agreed that the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators should include national statistical offices, and as observers, the regional, international organizations and agencies. These agencies, responsible for global reporting on the Millennium Development Goals, will also provide important technical advice and support;

(iii) Requested that existing regional mechanisms be used to ensure equitable regional representation and technical expertise;

(iv) Also requested that the conclusions of the Expert Group Meeting on the Indicator Framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, held on 25 and 26 February 2015, be taken into account by the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators;

(v) Requested the Inter-agency and Expert Group to work in an open and transparent manner;

(h) Supported the formation of a new high-level group to provide strategic leadership for the sustainable development goal implementation process; such group should consist of national statistical offices, and regional and international organizations as observers operating under the auspices of the Statistical Commission; the high-level group is to promote national ownership of the post-2015 monitoring system and foster capacity-building, partnership and coordination for post-2015 monitoring; and requested that the detailed terms of reference be consulted with member States and approved by the Bureau of the Commission;

(i) Endorsed the work programme of the Friends of the Chair group on broader measures of progress, which is expected to provide its final report to the forty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2016, and took note that the Friends of the Chair group would not duplicate the work of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and of the high-level group;

(j) Stressed the urgent need for investments to enhance national statistical capacity, especially in developing and least developed countries, to measure progress towards the post-2015 development agenda at the national, regional and global levels and enable national statistical offices to play a leading and coordinating role in this process;

(k) Requested that, in the future, in reports prepared for consideration by the Commission, due attention be given to the wording of proposed decisions to be taken by the Commission so as to ensure its independent position.

II. Emerging issue: the data revolution

(a) Took note of the report and the recommendations by the Independent Expert Advisory Group on a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development as contained in the report "A World that Counts: Mobilising the Data Revolution for

Sustainable Development" and annex III to the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Emerging issue: the data revolution";[8]

(b) Welcomed the invitation by the Secretary-General to establish a comprehensive programme of work under its auspices;

(c) Recognized the challenges posed by the new monitoring requirements for the sustainable development goals, and recommended that new investments be made to increase statistical capacity, including for data collection, in particular for countries in special situations, such as the small island developing States, the landlocked developing countries and the fragile States;

(d) Stressed that a key element of the data revolution is making quality data available to all;

(e) Recognized that the data revolution presents new opportunities for national statistical offices; proper governance mechanisms will be needed to engage with new stakeholders and for the use of new data sources;

(f) Stressed that national statistical offices will have to play a strong coordinating role, including validating data coming from new data sources outside the official statistical system to ensure that they all comply with the Fundamental Principles for Official Statistics;

(g) Stressed the need for data quality and accountability frameworks for the utilization of new data sources and for the Statistics Division to provide guidance on how to develop and implement them;

(h) Proposed to establish mechanisms to increase and facilitate access to innovation and technology;

(i) Stressed that the implementation of the data revolution might take different forms depending on the priorities and the state of development of the countries and that, in that context, the national strategies for the development of statistics will need to be upgraded to include the elements of the data revolution that are relevant to national priorities;

(j) Acknowledged that managing the data revolution will require new skills from official statisticians, and recommended that the conclusions of the High-level Forum on Partnership for Capacity in the context of the Data Revolution, held on 2 March 2015, be taken into consideration;

(k) Recognized that a "World Forum on Sustainable Development Data" would be a suitable platform for intensifying cooperation with various professional groups, such as information technology, geospatial information managers and data scientists, and users, as well as with civil society stakeholders.

III. Big data

(a) Appreciated the report of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics[9] and congratulated the Group on its work accomplished so far;

(b) Congratulated and expressed its appreciation to China for organizing a very successful International Conference on Big Data for Official Statistics in

[8] E/CN.3/2015/3.
[9] E/CN.3/2015/4.

October 2015 and for successfully hosting the first meeting of the Global Working Group;

(c) Agreed with the terms of reference and mandate of the Global Working Group, as described in annex I to the report, as well as with the division of the work into various task teams, while requesting the Global Working Group to pay special attention to issues such as:

(i) Sharing of experiences of lessons learned from big data projects;

(ii) Quality concerns related to the use of big data for official statistics;

(iii) Coordination of the work of the Global Working Group with the work undertaken at the regional level, especially in Europe, in order to build on achievements and repurpose and reuse outputs;

(iv) Existing technology gap of developing countries and need for funding for developing countries to be able to take part in the big data projects;

(v) Legal frameworks for access to big data sources, especially from the private sector, while addressing privacy concerns;

(vi) Skills, human resources and capacity-building needed to address big data adequately, especially in relation to data science and information technology;

(vii) Demonstration and explanation of the limitations of big data for official statistics;

(viii) Building of partnerships, which is necessary to exploit and harness big data, especially with the private sector, research institutes and academia;

(d) Requested the Global Working Group to look into the use of other big data sources in addition to mobile phone data, social media data and satellite imagery, such as transaction data through e-commerce, and also to look into the transboundary aspects and associated challenges of the big data sources;

(e) Stressed that big data should be seen as part of secondary data sources, and that, in that respect, the use of administrative data sources should receive due attention as well;

(f) Supported the proposals of the Global Working Group to conduct a global survey on big data projects, and supported as well the pilot big data projects conducted under the umbrella of the Global Working Group, while encouraging and welcoming the participation of interested countries or institutes with the purpose of sharing experiences and building capacity.

IV. Transformative agenda for official statistics

(a) Welcomed the report on the outcome of the Global Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics;[10]

(b) Supported the conclusions of the Global Conference focusing on the modernization of statistical systems, taking into account but not limited to the following thematic areas: (i) coordination of the global statistical system; (ii) communication and advocacy; (iii) data collection, processing and dissemination

[10] E/CN.3/2015/5.

through integrated statistical systems; (iv) innovative methods, tools and information technology infrastructure, including standards-based production architecture; and (v) training and capacity-building;

(c) Recognized the need for modernizing and strengthening the global, regional and national statistical systems, irrespective of the level of statistical development, in order to respond more effectively and efficiently to the new policy requirements;

(d) Suggested that the modernization of the statistical production process requires a new architecture for data collection, processing and dissemination through a standard-based production process and the adoption of an integrated statistics approach away from the traditional stove-piped approach;

(e) Welcomed the valuable contribution of the High-level Group on the Modernization of Statistical Production and Services of the Economic Commission for Europe in establishing standards for supporting the modernization programme at the global level, the offer to share the experiences and outputs of the Group, and agreed that the High-level Group would report progress on its work to the Commission;

(f) Recognized the need for strengthening the coordination of statistical capacity-building activities on technical and managerial issues at the global, regional and country levels, taking into consideration the financial, human and technological requirements. These requirements are to be articulated and brought forward to the third International Conference on Financing for Development, which will be held in Addis Ababa in July 2015;

(g) Also recognized the need for strengthening the coordination of work streams between the global and regional levels, and requested the Bureau of the Commission, with the support of the Secretariat, to conduct a mapping of the existing coordination mechanisms and work streams with a view to identifying those areas that require priority action for a transformative agenda for official statistics and to submit proposals for consideration by the Commission at its next session.

46/102
Population and housing censuses

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Secretary-General on the 2010 and 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programmes,[11] which assessed the implementation of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme by countries and addressed the achievements and challenges that countries faced;

(b) Acknowledged that, for the 2010 census round, many countries have conducted a census successfully and innovatively, in terms of the use of alternative census methods and modern technologies;

(c) Noted with appreciation the countries that provided bilateral support to others in conducting censuses, including through South-South collaboration,

[11] E/CN.3/2015/6.

especially in terms of training, exchange of national experience and sharing of census equipment, and expects this trend to continue in the 2020 census round;

(d) Underscored the critical importance of population and housing censuses for the post-2015 development agenda, in particular, as a valuable source of data for monitoring the sustainable development goals;

(e) Endorsed the draft resolution on the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme and its submission to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:[12]

(f) Recognized with appreciation the timely work of the international expert group in preparing the third revision of the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses*;

(g) Welcomed and adopted the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 3*, and encouraged countries to begin their implementation, bearing in mind the importance of setting quality standards for the conduct of the census;

(h) Recognized that countries may face technical and financial constraints and require support, including in the utilization of advanced technologies and administrative data sources, in the 2020 census round;

(i) Requested the Statistics Division and other international and regional organizations to enhance their technical assistance to national statistical offices, especially in early stages of planning, in order to strengthen national capacity for carrying out the 2020 round of population and housing censuses;

(j) Endorsed the programme of work as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, and requested the Statistics Division to take a leading role in setting up:

(i) A microdata repository, in sufficient consultation with Member States, while addressing privacy and other technical concerns and taking into account existing regional repositories;

(ii) A web-based forum for countries to exchange experiences and knowledge in census-taking.

46/103
Crime statistics

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Expressed its appreciation for the work done by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico and their partners, and endorsed the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes as an international statistical standard;

(b) Recognized the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes as an international standard for data collection, both from administrative

[12] Ibid., annex.

records and survey-generated data, and as an analytical tool to elicit unique information on crime drivers and factors;

(c) Confirmed the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as the custodian of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes, and agreed with the creation of a technical advisory group to provide substantive advice to and support the maintenance of the International Classification;

(d) Endorsed the outlined implementation plan for the classification at the national, regional and international levels; recognized that countries need time and adequate resources to implement the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes, and encouraged countries to undertake steps for a gradual implementation of the classification; and requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to include an assessment of national capacities in the proposed implementation plan;

(e) Welcomed the progress made on the activities established in the road map to improve crime statistics at the national and international levels as discussed and adopted by the Commission at its forty-fourth session, in 2013, and reconfirmed the road map;

(f) Encouraged Member States and international organizations to sustain their efforts and strengthen their statistical systems on crime and criminal justice, to include crime statistics in their national strategy for the development of statistics, and to provide support to the activities set out for the period from 2015 to 2020 in the report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes;[13]

(g) Encouraged Member States to adopt the new international standards and best practices in crime statistics to support the data demands for monitoring the sustainable development goals in the areas of violence and justice;

(h) Appealed to Member States and donors to provide the necessary resources to allow for the successful implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes and other activities outlined in the road map.

46/104
Refugee statistics

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of Statistics Norway and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons,[14] which was considered for the first time at the Commission as an independent discussion item;

(b) Acknowledged the growing concern about the lack of harmonization in definitions, classifications and methods of data collection on refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons;

[13] E/CN.3/2015/7.
[14] E/CN.3/2015/9.

(c) Supported the proposal to organize an international conference on refugee statistics, which would bring together international organizations, experts from national statistical offices and the research community working in this area, to explore how best to incorporate the compilation of statistics on these populations into national statistical systems and to develop a set of recommendations for improving these statistics;

(d) Expressed its appreciation to, and welcomed the offer of, the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) to host, in collaboration with Eurostat and others, the proposed international conference on refugees statistics in 2015;

(e) Noted the need for a handbook on statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons as a practical guide for the collection, analysis and dissemination of these statistics, which takes into consideration existing methods and initiatives;

(f) Took note of the need for further research and analysis of the identification and protection of refugees and internally displaced persons and their impact on host societies;

(g) Underscored the need to enhance cooperation among national statistical offices, other concerned national agencies and international organizations actively working in the domain of refugees and internally displaced persons;

(h) Urged international organizations to provide technical assistance and facilitate the exchange of national experience, with a view to enhancing the capacity of countries to collect, analyse and disseminate statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons;

(i) Requested the organizers of the international conference to report back to the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the outcome of the conference and on the next steps to improve statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons.

46/105
Household surveys

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of the World Bank on improving household surveys in the post-2015 development era: issues and recommendations for a shared agenda,[15] and expressed its appreciation to the World Bank and partners for reintroducing, after a long time, the topic of household surveys to the Statistical Commission;

(b) Acknowledged that household surveys have served as a major source of data for development planning and policy decisions, and that the demand for data from household surveys will increase further as progress on the post-2015 development agenda is monitored;

(c) Noted with concern that changes and improvements are needed in the timing, content, quality, funding, national capacity-building and coordination of the household surveys, if they are to be effective for monitoring the sustainable development goals;

[15] E/CN.3/2015/10.

(d) Endorsed the establishment of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys, under the aegis of the Statistics Division, in order to foster the coordination and harmonization of household survey activities;

(e) Requested the development of the terms of reference of the Working Group under the guidance of the Bureau of the Statistical Commission, using the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts as a model, and that the terms be presented to the Commission at its forty-seventh session;

(f) Urged that the work of the Working Group take into account the good practices of countries already available, but also the financial and technical constraints faced by countries in undertaking household surveys;

(g) Noted that many international institutions that are active in the area of household surveys and several national statistical offices have expressed their interest in participating in the Working Group or the task teams that will be established under the Group;

(h) Supported, as a priority, the piloting of international guidelines for household surveys by a task team of the Working Group, stressing the need to give due consideration to existing codes of practice at the national and regional levels;

(i) Supported the proposal of conducting a study on priorities for research on cross-cutting methodological issues, including the issues of disaggregation, and the integration of different types of surveys and other data sources;

(j) Requested the Working Group to report back on this item to the Statistical Commission.

46/106
National accounts

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts,[16] and expressed its appreciation for the work done by the Working Group over the past year;

(b) Endorsed the programme of work of the Working Group and the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts;

(c) Expressed its appreciation for the guidance provided on issues emerging from the implementation of the *System of National Accounts 2008*[17] (2008 SNA), and urged the Working Group to continue to give priority to practical guidance on issues that would facilitate the implementation of the 2008 SNA;

(d) Noted that a number of conceptual issues that extend beyond the 2008 SNA have emerged, which may take a long time to resolve, and requested the Working Group to set priorities for addressing the issues on the SNA research agenda and to report to the Commission on the progress in resolving those issues;

[16] E/CN.3/2015/11.

[17] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.08.XVII.29.

(e) Appreciated the completion of a number of manuals, handbooks and guidelines that facilitate the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics, urged the Working Group to expedite the development of the newly proposed handbooks and guidelines, including the handbook on backcasting, as well as those in progress, and requested that these materials be made available in all the United Nations official languages;

(f) Also appreciated the activities undertaken by the Working Group members, regional commissions, other regional organizations and countries to facilitate the implementation of the 2008 SNA;

(g) Acknowledged the important role of Member States in providing capacity-building support to other Member States for the strengthening of SNA implementation and supporting statistics, appealed for governance at the international level for capacity-building, as is the case for the International Comparison Programme, and requested the international and regional organizations to step up their capacity-building activities;

(h) Welcomed the progress in implementing the 2008 SNA, expressed concern at the relatively low compliance with the minimum required data set and the large number of Member States with outdated benchmark years, and urged Member States to develop basic source data for the compilation of national accounts data that are policy-relevant and fit for purpose and, in this context, focus and prioritize the efforts on the implementation of the 2008 SNA in terms of scope, detail and quality;

(i) Noted the progress in implementing the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) data transmission mechanism and sharing of national accounts data between international organizations, and urged Member States to implement the SDMX technology to facilitate data transmission and significantly reduce the response burden of Member States submitting data to international organizations.

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International trade and economic globalization statistics

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Appreciated the report of the Friends of the Chair group on the measurement of international trade and economic globalization,[18] and congratulated the Friends of the Chair group for its work accomplished;

(b) Agreed with the proposal of the Friends of the Chair group to draft a handbook on a system of extended international and global accounts as the measurement framework for international trade and economic globalization, while:

(i) Building on work accomplished on the measurement of international trade and economic globalization by others, including the work undertaken under the auspices of Eurostat, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Economic Commission for Europe;

(ii) Addressing the use of microdata related to businesses, including administrative data, and their links to international trade data, as well as the

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issue of sharing microdata among countries, including legal frameworks and potential problems of data confidentiality;

(iii) Addressing the integration of economic, environmental and social dimensions of trade and globalization as an extension of the 2008 SNA and the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA);

(iv) Taking into account the different levels of sophistication of national statistical systems and the need to attain an adequate balance between user needs and the work and costs related to these statistics;

(c) Endorsed the establishment of an expert group tasked with the development of the handbook on a system of extended international and global accounts, proposed that this group be a continuation of the Friends of the Chair group with the option for other countries to join, while balancing the geographical representation, and requested that the terms of reference of the expert group be established with a clear mandate, timetable and list of deliverables, so that the appropriate momentum of the work of the group is maintained;

(d) Agreed with the proposed programme of work for the measurement of international trade and globalization, namely:

(i) Promoting and advancing the creation of a global enterprise group register, building on and taking into account lessons learned from the ongoing EuroGroups Register project;

(ii) Improving the measurement of firm heterogeneity based on alternative aggregations of microdata and by further developing a classification of business functions, while cautioning against any change in the International Standard Industrial Classification;

(iii) Addressing asymmetries in bilateral trade and foreign direct investment while building on work already undertaken in several countries and coordinating this effort with work already being done by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development;

(iv) Mainstreaming the development of recurrent global supply-use and input-output tables as undertaken by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in collaboration with other regional and international organizations, with the aim of increasing the coverage of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development-World Trade Organization database on trade in value-added;

(e) Also agreed with the proposal to establish an intersecretariat working group for international trade and economic globalization statistics, with the request to develop a mandate that includes:

(i) Coordination of work undertaken by the various international and regional organizations in this field, while ensuring proper cooperation regarding work programmes and activities worldwide, taking account of existing work and reducing duplication;

(ii) Promotion of the development of databases, at the international, regional and national levels, for international trade and economic globalization statistics;

(iii) Coordination and promotion of capacity-building activities to improve these statistics at the microlevel for the better calculation of statistics at the macrolevel.

46/108
Environmental-economic accounting

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Expressed its appreciation for the work of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting in advocating the importance of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) and advancing its implementation;

(b) Requested the Committee of Experts to closely collaborate with relevant groups to promote and advocate that SEEA be properly reflected in the formulation of the sustainable development goal indicators, and also requested follow-up discussions relating to the measurement of these indicators and building capacity in countries to develop SEEA-based indicators;

(c) Urged the Committee of Experts to advocate for and promote the scaling-up of its implementation programme, exercising strong leadership in developing a concrete and well-resourced programme to support countries in implementing SEEA, with a clear timeline of objectives and deliverables;

(d) Noted the importance of formulating a common national plan to implement SEEA at the country level, and urged international and regional organizations to align their in-country work programmes to create synergies in the implementation and use of environmental accounting and supporting statistics, with particular consideration of challenges experienced in SEEA implementation by developing countries;

(e) Requested international and regional agencies to develop a joint programme of work, including the development of internationally agreed materials supporting the implementation of SEEA, including guidance documents and training and communication materials, building on the strength of each agency and with clear definition of agencies' roles and responsibilities to avoid duplication efforts, and to develop partnerships with relevant groups to strengthen the use of SEEA towards harmonization of basic data and integration of non-traditional data sources that can support monitoring of the sustainable development goals;

(f) As part of the effort to scale up the implementation programme, urged the Committee of Experts to further expand the training of trainers programmes based on a flexible and modular approach, with due consideration to national priorities and technical capacities;

(g) Appreciated the progress made in the drafting of the SEEA technical notes and core tables for the SEEA Central Framework, noting their usefulness in supporting a scheduled approach for the compilation of SEEA-based accounts and derivation of SEEA-based sustainable development goal indicators, and recommended that countries test the proposed core tables in view of the creation of an SEEA global database;

(h) Welcomed progress made in testing the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting, and requested the Committee of Experts to continue its work in

advancing the testing and research agenda, including the development of guidance documents and training materials, with the objective of strengthening the capacity of the national statistics systems;

(i) Welcomed the completion of the first draft of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, noting its contribution to the post-2015 development agenda and the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics, recommended its finalization, and encouraged the implementation of a similar approach towards developing other sectoral SEEA subsystems, and urged the expedient finalization and release of SEEA-Energy;

(j) Agreed that the Committee of Experts share with the Commission the information related to the questions on: (i) how many indicators have actually been produced and published or otherwise disseminated using SEEA; and (ii) to which of the sustainable development goals and targets is SEEA relevant.

46/109
International Comparison Programme

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Took note of the first part of the report of the Friends of the Chair group on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme,[19] and expressed appreciation for the work undertaken by the Global Office, the Executive Board and the Technical Advisory Group in the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme;

(b) Welcomed the initial findings in the report of the Friends of the Chair group on the 2011 round demonstrating increased country participation, improvements in purchasing power parities methodology, increased transparency and documentation, streamlined quality assessment processes, and improved outreach to increase the uses of purchasing power parities, and stressed that the International Comparison Programme should become a permanent element of the global statistical programme with Programme rounds being held on a more frequent basis;

(c) Supported the way forward by the Friends of the Chair group, leading to the group's final report, to be presented to the forty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2016; in the process, the group should continue to function in an open and transparent manner;

(d) Welcomed recommendations to be formulated regarding methodology, capacity-building and funding, which will inform on the possibility of shortening intervals between future Programme rounds;

(e) Suggested combining the recommendations in part I and part II in a combined and full set of recommendations in the final report of the Friends of the Chair group, with a view to transforming the International Comparison Programme exercise into a revolving and more frequent exercise that takes into account users'

[19] E/CN.3/2015/14.

needs and national statistical capacity, as recommended by the Commission at its 2015 session;

(f) Encouraged countries and regional and international organizations not to lose momentum and to envisage a next International Comparison Programme round by 2017;

(g) Took note of the draft recommendation included in the first part of the report of the Friends of the Chair group and considered that:

(i) In determining the appropriate number of members participating in the Executive Board of the International Comparison Programme, a balance should be found between efficiency and representations of stakeholders and, at the same time, assuring transparency in the decision-making process; to this end, the Executive Board is encouraged to consider, when appropriate, holding meetings in extended format, inviting other national statistical offices that are not members of the Executive Board to attend its meetings, and also to consider the participation, upon invitation, of the user community in their meetings in extended format;

(ii) In determining the membership of the Technical Advisory Group, considerations should be made on a purely professional basis, while taking into account the methodological and data challenges of and expertise from national statistical systems at different levels of development;

(iii) In developing International Comparison Programme methodology, as proposed in paragraph 88 of the report of the Friends of the Chair group, consideration should be given to the complexity in methodology encountered in the 2011 round of the Programme and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;

(h) Welcomed the initiative of the World Bank to support regional partners with financial and technical assistance to ensure that the country and regional capacity built during the 2011 round of the Programme is not lost, and also welcomed the initiative of the World Bank to maintain the International Comparison Programme team at the Bank in order to preserve the institutional memory and ensure continuity for the prospective implementation of the 2017 round.

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Agriculture and rural statistics

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Congratulated the Global Steering Committee on the excellent work done, took note with appreciation of the significant progress made in implementing all key components of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics, and endorsed the proposed priorities and the way forward;

(b) Recognized the achievements in accelerating the production of cost-effective methodologies, handbooks and guidelines, and appreciated the efforts of the regional implementing partners in providing the technical assistance and training needed by countries to respond to national, regional and international data demands;

(c) Expressed its strong support for the efforts made by the Global Strategy partners in ensuring a better coordination of international initiatives in the field of capacity development for agricultural statistics;

(d) Urged countries and development partners to further support the implementation of the Global Strategy and mobilize the resources needed for achieving the main objectives of the first phase of the programme until 2017 in developing countries;

(e) Requested the Global Strategy partners to provide support to short- and long-term sustainable training provided to countries by the regional statistical training centres and to support countries in raising the financial resources required to undertake the necessary data collection activities;

(f) Welcomed the establishment of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics as an essential forum for the development of international statistical standards in these domains;

(g) Expressed its support for the work done by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics, commended the efforts to prepare guidelines on the improvement of food consumption data in household budget surveys, and requested the Group to provide guidelines and training on the measurement of food security;

(h) Appreciated the progress made by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in preparing the new guidelines for the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 in consultation with national and international experts, and recommended strengthening the integration with the population and housing census and the coordination between the ministries of agriculture and the national statistical offices in their implementation;

(i) Encouraged the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to finalize the guidelines for the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 and the companion handbook for implementation as planned, and invited all countries to participate in the global consultation on Volume 1.

46/111
Governance, peace and security statistics

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Congratulated Cabo Verde on its excellent report on governance, peace and security statistics,[20] which was prepared with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, and commended in particular the extensive outreach activities undertaken in the preparation of the report;

(b) Endorsed the creation of the Praia Group on governance statistics, which aims to encourage countries to produce governance statistics that are based on sound and documented methodologies, and also endorsed the proposed terms of reference;

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(c) Welcomed and took note of the broad interest in participating in this city group, and expressed appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme for its technical and financial support;

(d) Requested the Group to take into account existing and earlier efforts and challenges in the area of governance, peace and security statistics and to coordinate its work with relevant groups;

(e) Requested Cabo Verde to submit a report to the Commission at its forty-seventh session, in 2016, for consideration and discussion.

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Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Called upon all organizations to reference the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics when reporting non-compliance in the context of their own frameworks, to the extent possible;

(b) Welcomed the work done by the Friends of the Chair group to incorporate the proposals and examples of good practices provided by countries to enrich the draft of the implementation guidelines, and invited countries to update their country profiles and best practices on the website of the Statistics Division;

(c) Requested the Statistics Division to provide technical assistance to countries for the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;

(d) Also requested the Statistics Division to report back to the Commission in 2017 on the progress of work in this field in the context of the preparation for the twenty-fifth anniversary, in 2019, of the adoption of the Fundamental Principles;

(e) Took note of the fact that a similar set of principles exists for international, regional and supranational organizations, the principles governing international statistical activities;

(f) Agreed with the need for continued monitoring of the implementation of the Principles at the national, regional and global levels (the latter in intervals no longer than five years) using various tools, such as self-assessment or peer review, as appropriate, coordinating such monitoring to the extent possible with similar activities by regional and supranational organizations;

(g) Expressed its appreciation to the Friends of the Chair group for its excellent work since 2011, and noted that the work of this Friends of Chair group is concluded.

46/113
Regional statistical development in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the comprehensive report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on statistical activities in Latin America and the

Caribbean: recent achievements and next challenges[21] and, in particular, its thematic orientation, advocating for a prominent role for statistics in the post-2015 development agenda;

(b) Stressed the importance of high-quality statistics as an important tool for the monitoring and accountability of the post-2015 development agenda, and noted, in this context, the recognition by many countries of the need for increased resources for statistical development;

(c) Noted the coordination and consultation issues raised by some representatives of the countries of the Caribbean Community and requested the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to further enhance its efforts towards greater regional cooperation; noted the concerns expressed about the report's neglect of the work undertaken by Caribbean Community countries and requested the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to include this information in the report.

46/114
Programme questions (Statistics Division)

The Statistical Commission took note of the oral report presented by the Director of the Statistics Division concerning the current activities, plans and priorities of the Division. In particular, the Commission took note of the conference room paper[22] containing the draft programme of work for the Division for the biennium 2016-2017. It also approved the adjustments to the list of outputs in the current 2014-2015 programme, contained in the annex to the conference room paper, and authorized the Bureau to further revise it as necessary.

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Information items

The Statistical Commission took note of the following reports:

Report of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on crime statistics[23]

Report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme[24]

Report of the World Health Organization on health statistics[25]

Report of the Secretary-General on gender statistics[26]

Report of the Secretary-General on civil registration and vital statistics[27]

Report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers[28]

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Report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics[29]

Report of the International Monetary Fund on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics[30]

Report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics[31]

Report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources[32]

Report of the Secretary-General on World Statistics Day[33]

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities[34]

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of statistical programmes in the United Nations system[35]

Report of the United Nations Development Programme on the statistics of human development[36]

Report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications[37]

Report of the Statistical Data and Metadata exchange sponsors[38]

Report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity-building[39]

Report of the World Bank and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21) on statistical development[40]

Report of the Secretary-General on development indicators for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals[41]

Report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information[42]

Note by the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission[43]

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Chapter II
Items for discussion and decision

A. Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda

1. Broader measures of progress

1. The Commission considered item 3 (a) (i) of its agenda at its 1st, 2nd and 6th meetings, on 3 and 6 March 2015. At its 1st meeting, the Commission had before it the report of the Friends of the Chair group on broader measures of progress (E/CN.3/2015/2) and heard an introductory statement by the representative of France.

2. At the 1st meeting, on 3 March, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, China, Hungary, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, the Russian Federation, Japan, Italy, Cameroon, Cuba, the United Republic of Tanzania, Barbados, Brazil, Oman and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as by the observers for Switzerland, Madagascar, Ecuador, Suriname, India and Turkey.

3. At the same meeting, the observer for the observer State of Palestine made a statement.

4. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 March, the Commission heard statements by the observers for the Philippines, South Africa, Indonesia, Egypt, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Kyrgyzstan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Poland, Colombia, Mexico, Denmark, Croatia, Australia, Canada, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Portugal, Turkmenistan, Ghana, Greece, Jordan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Finland and France.

5. Statements were also made by the observers for the Caribbean Community, the Economic Commission for Europe ,the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

6. At the same meeting, the Director of the Statistics Division summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

7. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (a) (i) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/101 (I.)).

2. Emerging issue: the data revolution

8. The Commission considered item 3 (a) (ii) of its agenda at its 2nd and 6th meetings, on 3 and 6 March 2015. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Emerging issue: the data revolution" (E/CN.3/2015/3) and heard an introductory statement by the Chief of the Statistical Services Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

9. Also at the 2nd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cuba, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Hungary, as well as by the observers for South Africa, Samoa (on behalf of the small island developing States of the Pacific), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, India, Colombia, Suriname, Mexico, Timor-Leste and Ecuador.

10. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the observers for the observer State of Palestine, the Caribbean Community and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, speaking on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities).

11. The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

12. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (a) (ii) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/101 (II.)).

3. Big data

13. The Commission considered item 3 (a) (iii) of its agenda at its 2nd and 6th meetings, on 3 and 6 March 2015. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics (E/CN.3/2015/4) and heard an introductory statement by the observer for Australia.

14. Also at the 2nd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of China, Italy and Japan, as well as by the observers for South Africa, Ghana, Saint Lucia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Poland, Suriname, Ireland, Indonesia, Madagascar and the Sudan.

15. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the observers for the European Union, the European Commission (Eurostat) and the World Bank.

16. The Chief of the Trade Statistics Branch of the Statistics Division summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

17. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (a) (iii) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/101 (III.)).

4. Transformative agenda for official statistics

18. The Commission considered item 3 (a) (iv) of its agenda at its 3rd and 6th meetings, on 4 and 6 March 2015. At its 3rd meeting, on 4 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the transformative agenda for official statistics (E/CN.3/2015/5) and heard an introductory statement by the Chief of the Economic Statistics Branch of the Statistics Division.

19. Also at the 3rd meeting, the observer for Ireland made a statement.

20. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Italy, Japan and Hungary, as well as by the observers for Canada, South Africa, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Azerbaijan, the Philippines, Slovenia, Pakistan, Haiti, Côte d'Ivoire, Armenia, Finland, Turkey and Poland.

21. Also at the 3rd meeting, further statements were made by the observers for the European Commission (Eurostat) and the Economic Commission for Europe.

22. The Chief of the Economics Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

23. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (a) (iv) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/101 (IV.)).

B. Population and housing censuses

24. The Commission considered item 3 (b) of its agenda at its 3rd and 6th meetings, on 4 and 6 March 2015. At its 3rd meeting, on 4 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the 2010 and 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programmes (E/CN.3/2015/6) and heard an introductory statement by the Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch of the Statistics Division.

25. Also at the 3rd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, China, the Russian Federation, Angola and the United States of America, as well as by the observers for Jordan, Suriname, South Africa, Bahrain, Egypt, Ghana, Gambia, Turkey, Cabo Verde, the Philippines, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Somalia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Bahamas, Timor-Leste, Belarus, the Federated States of Micronesia and Haiti.

26. At the same meeting, the observer for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations also made a statement.

27. The Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch of the Statistics Division summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

28. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (b) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/102).

C. Crime statistics

29. The Commission considered item 3 (c) on its agenda at its 3rd, 4th and 6th meetings, on 4 and 6 March 2015. At its 3rd meeting, on 4 March, the Commission had before it the report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and

Crime on the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (E/CN.3/2015/7) and, for information, the report of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on crime statistics (E/CN.3/2015/8).

30. At the 3rd meeting, the observer for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime made an introductory statement.

31. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic and Cuba and by the observer for Mexico.

32. At the 4th meeting, on 4 March, statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Mongolia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Italy, the Niger and Sweden, as well as by the observers for Qatar, Suriname, the Philippines, South Africa, the Republic of Korea, France, Portugal, Egypt, Cabo Verde and Ecuador.

33. At the same meeting, a statement was also made by the observer for the European Commission (Eurostat).

34. The Chief of the Industrial and Energy Statistics Section of the Statistics Division summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

35. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (c) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/103).

D. Refugee statistics

36. The Commission considered item 3 (d) of its agenda at its 4th and 6th meetings, on 4 and 6 March 2015. At its 4th meeting, on 4 March, the Commission had before it the report of Statistics Norway and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons (E/CN.3/2015/9).

37. At the 4th meeting, the observer for Norway made an introductory statement.

38. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Germany, Mongolia, Bulgaria, the Niger and Italy, as well as by the observers for Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, South Africa, Uganda, Suriname, Turkey, Poland, Côte d'Ivoire, Finland, Greece, Bahrain, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan.

39. Also at the 4th meeting, statements were also made by the observers for the observer State of Palestine, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Commission (Eurostat), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

40. The Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

41. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (d) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/104).

E. Household surveys

42. The Commission considered item 3 (e) of its agenda at its 4th and 6th meetings, on 4 and 6 March 2015. At its 4th meeting, on 4 March, the Commission had before it the report of the World Bank on improving household surveys in the post-2015 development era: issues and recommendations for a shared agenda (E/CN.3/2015/10).

43. Also at the 4th meeting, the observer for the World Bank made an introductory statement.

44. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic, Brazil, China, New Zealand, Mongolia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Sweden, Cuba, Italy, the United States of America and Cameroon, as well as by the observers for Kuwait, Fiji (on behalf of the Asian States and Pacific small island developing States), South Africa, India, Suriname, Saint Lucia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Philippines, Egypt, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pakistan, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Cabo Verde, the Bahamas, France, Uganda, Greece and Ecuador.

45. Also at the 4th meeting, statements were also made by the observers for the International Labour Organization, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

46. The Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

47. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (e) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/105).

F. National accounts

48. The Commission considered item 3 (f) of its agenda at its 4th, 5th and 6th meetings, on 4, 5 and 6 March 2015. At its 4th meeting, on 4 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (E/CN.3/2015/11) and heard an introductory statement by the observer for the World Bank.

49. Also at the 4th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Cameroon and by the observer for Egypt.

50. At the 5th meeting, on 5 March, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Mongolia, and by the observers for Zambia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Philippines, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea and Kazakhstan.

51. At the same meeting, the observer for the Economic Commission for Europe also made a statement.

52. The Chief of the Economic Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

53. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (f) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/106).

G. International trade and economic globalization statistics

54. The Commission considered item 3 (g) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2015. At its 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Friends of the Chair group on the measurement of international trade and economic globalization (E/CN.3/2015/12) and heard an introductory statement by the observer for Canada.

55. Also at the 5th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, the Dominican Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and by the observers for Mexico, Egypt, Turkey, the Philippines, Cabo Verde, Denmark, Spain, Rwanda, Kazakhstan, Australia and Fiji (on behalf of the Asian States and Pacific small island developing States).

56. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the observers for the European Commission (Eurostat), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Economic Commission for Europe and the World Trade Organization.

57. The Chief of the Trade Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

58. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (g) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/107).

H. Environmental-economic accounting

59. The Commission considered item 3 (h) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2015. At its 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (E/CN.3/2015/13) and heard an introductory statement by the observer for Australia.

60. Also at the 5th meeting, on 5 March, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, as well as by the observers for Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, the Federated States of Micronesia, Suriname, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, Norway, Azerbaijan and South Africa.

61. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the observers for the observer State of Palestine (on behalf of the States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia), the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

62. The Chief of the Economic Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

63. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (h) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/108).

I. International Comparison Programme

64. The Commission considered item 3 (i) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2015. At its 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Friends of the Chair group on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2015/14) and, for information, the report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2015/15).

65. Also at the 5th meeting, the observer for Austria made an introductory statement.

66. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of China, Barbados, Sweden, Germany, Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation, Mongolia and the United States of America, as well as by the observers for South Africa, Oman (on behalf of the States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia), Suriname, Ghana, the Philippines, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), Fiji (on behalf of the Asian States and Pacific small island developing States), Kazakhstan, India and Austria.

67. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for the World Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Commission (Eurostat), the African Development Bank and the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

68. The Chief of the Economic Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

69. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (i) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/109).

J. Agriculture and rural statistics

70. The Commission considered item 3 (j) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2015. At its 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on new developments in agricultural and rural statistics (E/CN.3/2015/16) and heard an introductory statement by the observer for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

71. Also at the 5th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Japan, Mongolia and the United States of America, as well as by the observers for Cabo Verde, Turkmenistan, the Philippines, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Côte d'Ivoire.

72. At the same meeting, a statement was also made by the observer for the World Bank.

73. The Chief of the Environment and Energy Statistics Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

74. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (j) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/110).

K. Governance, peace and security statistics

75. The Commission considered item 3 (k) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2015. At its 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Commission had before it a report by Cabo Verde on governance, peace and security statistics (E/CN.3/2015/17) and heard an introductory statement by the observer for Cabo Verde.

76. Also at the 5th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, Sweden, Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Niger, as well as by the observers for Mexico, Portugal, Timor-Leste, Luxembourg, Kenya, Madagascar, Ghana and South Africa.

77. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, statements were made by the observers for Jordan, the Philippines, Turkey, France, Guinea-Bissau, Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Spain, Uganda and Cabo Verde.

78. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the observers for the European Commission (Eurostat), the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

79. The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

80. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (k) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/111).

L. Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

81. The Commission considered item 3 (l) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the report of the Friends of the Chair group on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (E/CN.3/2015/18) and heard introductory statements by the representatives of the United States of America and Germany.

82. Also at the 6th meeting, on 6 March, statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Angola and Japan, as well as by the observers for Colombia, the Sudan, Indonesia, Turkey, Suriname, the Philippines, Zambia, Bahrain and Egypt (on behalf of the States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia).

83. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the observers for the European Union, speaking on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities and the International Statistical Institute.

84. The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

85. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (l) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/112).

M. Regional statistical development in Latin America and the Caribbean

86. The Commission considered item 3 (m) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2015. At its 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on statistical activities in Latin America and the Caribbean: recent achievements and next challenges (E/CN.3/2015/19).

87. Also at the 5th meeting, the Commission heard an introductory statement by the observer for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

88. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representative of Barbados and the observer for Suriname.

89. At the 6th meeting, on 6 March, statements were made by the observers for Zambia (on behalf of the Group of African States) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

90. The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch summarized the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

91. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur for adoption by the Commission under item 3 (m) of its agenda. The Commission adopted the draft decision, as amended during the discussion (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/113).

Chapter III
Items for information

1. The Commission considered item 4 (a) to (q) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2015.

2. At the 5th meeting, on 5 March, the representative of Hungary made a statement and a video announcement on World Statistics Day.

3. At the 6th meeting, on 6 March, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (speaking also on behalf of the United States of America), Germany and Italy and by the observers for Bangladesh and the Philippines.

4. At the same meeting, a statement was also made by the observer for the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

A. Health statistics

Action taken by the Commission

5. The Commission considered item 4 (a) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Health Organization on health statistics (E/CN.3/2015/20).

6. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Health Organization on health statistics (E/CN.3/2015/20) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

B. Gender statistics

Action taken by the Commission

7. The Commission considered item 4 (b) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on gender statistics (E/CN.3/2015/21).

8. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Secretary-General on gender statistics (E/CN.3/2015/21) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

C. Civil registration and vital statistics

Action taken by the Commission

9. The Commission considered item 4 (c) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on civil registration and vital statistics (E/CN.3/2015/22).

10. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Secretary-General on civil registration and vital statistics (E/CN.3/2015/22) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

D. Business registers

Action taken by the Commission

11. The Commission considered item 4 (d) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (E/CN.3/2015/23).

12. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers (E/CN.3/2015/23) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

E. Service statistics

Action taken by the Commission

13. The Commission considered item 4 (e) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics (E/CN.3/2015/24).

14. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics (E/CN.3/2015/24) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

F. Finance statistics

Action taken by the Commission

15. The Commission considered item 4 (f) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Monetary Fund on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics (E/CN.3/2015/25).

16. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Monetary Fund on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics (E/CN.3/2015/25) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

G. Environment statistics

Action taken by the Commission

17. The Commission considered item 4 (g) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics (E/CN.3/2015/26).

18. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics (E/CN.3/2015/26) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

H. Statistics for economies based on natural resources

Action taken by the Commission

19. The Commission considered item 4 (h) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources (E/CN.3/2015/27).

20. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources (E/CN.3/2015/27) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

I. World Statistics Day

Action taken by the Commission

21. The Commission considered item 4 (i) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2015. At the 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Commission had before it the report of the Secretary-General on World Statistics Day (E/CN.3/2015/28) and heard a statement and a video announcement on World Statistics Day by the representative of Hungary.

22. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission took note of the report of the Secretary-General on World Statistics Day (E/CN.3/2015/28) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

J. Coordination of statistical programmes

Action taken by the Commission

23. The Commission considered item 4 (j) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (E/CN.3/2015/29) and on the coordination of statistical programmes in the United Nations system (E/CN.3/2015/30).

24. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (E/CN.3/2015/29) and on the coordination of statistical programmes in the United Nations system (E/CN.3/2015/30) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

K. Statistics of human development

Action taken by the Commission

25. The Commission considered item 4 (k) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Development Programme on the statistics of human development (E/CN.3/2015/31).

26. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Development Programme on the statistics of human development (E/CN.3/2015/31) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

L. International statistical classifications

Action taken by the Commission

27. The Commission considered item 4 (l) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications (E/CN.3/2015/32).

28. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications (E/CN.3/2015/32) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

M. Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata

Action taken by the Commission

29. The Commission considered item 4 (m) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors (E/CN.3/2015/33).

30. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors (E/CN.3/2015/33) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

N. Statistical capacity-building

Action taken by the Commission

31. The Commission considered item 4 (n) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity-building (E/CN.3/2015/34) and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Bank and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21) on statistical development (E/CN.3/2015/35).

32. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity-building (E/CN.3/2015/34) and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Bank and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21) on statistical development (E/CN.3/2015/35) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

O. Development indicators

Action taken by the Commission

33. The Commission considered item 4 (o) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on development indicators for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals (E/CN.3/2015/36).

34. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Secretary-General on development indicators for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals (E/CN.3/2015/36) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

P. Integration of statistical and geospatial information

Action taken by the Commission

35. The Commission considered item 4 (p) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (E/CN.3/2015/37).

36. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (E/CN.3/2015/37) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

Q. Follow-up to policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

Action taken by the Commission

37. The Commission considered item 4 (q) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2015/38).

38. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the note by the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2015/38) (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/115).

Chapter IV
Programme questions (Statistics Division)

1. The Commission considered item 5 of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the draft programme of work for the Statistics Division for the biennium 2016-2017 (E/CN.3/2015/CRP.1) and heard a related oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division concerning the current activities, plans and priorities of the Division.

2. Statements were made by the observers for South Africa and Finland.

Action taken by the Commission

3. Also at the 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission took note of the oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division concerning the current activities, plans and priorities of the Division. In particular, the Commission took note of the draft programme of work for the Statistics Division for the biennium 2016-2017 (E/CN.3/2015/CRP.1) and approved the changes to the work programme of the Division for 2014-2015, authorizing the Bureau to revise the programme, as necessary (see chap. I, sect. C, decision 46/114).

Chapter V
Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission

1. The Commission considered item 6 of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015. It had before it the following documents, which were introduced by a representative of the Statistical Services Branch of the Statistics Division:

(a) The draft provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (E/CN.3/2015/L.2);

(b) A note by the Secretary-General on the draft multi-year programme of work for the Statistical Commission 2015-2019 (E/CN.3/2015/39).

2. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representative of the United States of America and by the observers for Suriname and Norway.

Action taken by the Commission

3. Also at its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission approved the draft provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session, as outlined in document E/CN.3/2015/L.2 as orally amended, and its multi-year programme of work, as contained in document E/CN.3/2015/39.

4. At the same meeting, the Commission decided to conduct informal post-sessional consultations to consider suitable dates for its forty-seventh session, to be held in March 2016.

Chapter VI
Report of the Commission on its forty-fifth session

1. The Commission considered item 7 of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 6 March 2015.

2. The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Commission on its forty-sixth session (E/CN.3/2015/L.3), together with an informal paper containing its draft decisions.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made on the text by the representatives of Cuba, the United States of America, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Oman, the United Republic of Tanzania, China and Cameroon, as well as by the observers for Ecuador, Suriname, Australia, South Africa, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Uruguay, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Argentina, Paraguay, the Philippines, Algeria, Indonesia, Spain, Canada, Uganda and Austria.

4. Statements were also made by the observers for the European Commission (Eurostat), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre.

Action taken by the Commission

5. At its 6th meeting, on 6 March, the Commission adopted the draft report on its forty-sixth session (E/CN.3/2014/L.3), including the draft decisions considered during the proceedings, as orally revised, and entrusted the Rapporteur with streamlining and finalizing it. Following the adoption of the draft report, the Chair made a statement.

Chapter VII
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its forty-sixth session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 6 March 2015. The Commission held six meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 24 States members of the Commission. Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is available from the Commission's website (see para. 7 below).

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:
John Pullinger (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Vice-Chairs:
Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary)
Ma Jiantang (China)
Aubrey Browne (Barbados)

Rapporteur:
Joseph Tedou (Cameroon)

D. Agenda and organization of work

4. Also at its 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2015/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   (a) Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda:
   (i) Broader measures of progress;
   (ii) Emerging issue: the data revolution;
   (iii) Big data;
   (iv) Transformative agenda for official statistics;

(b) Population and housing censuses;

(c) Crime statistics;

(d) Refugee statistics;

(e) Household surveys;

(f) National accounts;

(g) International trade and economic globalization statistics;

(h) Environmental-economic accounting;

(i) International Comparison Programme;

(j) Agriculture and rural statistics;

(k) Governance, peace and security statistics;

(l) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;

(m) Regional statistical development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

4. Items for information:

(a) Health statistics;

(b) Gender statistics;

(c) Civil registration and vital statistics;

(d) Business registers;

(e) Service statistics;

(f) Finance statistics;

(g) Environment statistics;

(h) Statistics for economies based on natural resources;

(i) World Statistics Day;

(j) Coordination of statistical programmes;

(k) Statistics of human development;

(l) International statistical classifications;

(m) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

(n) Statistical capacity-building;

(o) Development indicators;

(p) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;

(q) Follow-up to policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

5. Programme questions (Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-sixth session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the session (E/CN.3/2015/L.1).

6. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers in its forty-sixth session: the European Free Trade Association, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa and Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-sixth session are available from http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/sc2015.htm.

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